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REMARKS

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action of June 16, 2006. Accordingly, reconsideration is requested.

Disposition of Claims.

Claims 3-9, 19-30, 38 and 39 are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 3-8 and 20-23 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 3 has been amended as follows:

3. ~~The suspension of claim 2~~ A suspension for a load hook at a lower block of a cable actuator, comprising:
a shaft of the load hook mounted in a recess of a carrier body and able to turn about a vertical axis, wherein said shaft is mounted in a continuous bore of a support element and thrusts against the carrier body by at least one axial bearing;
said shaft being mounted in the carrier body by a bearing arrangement comprising said support element, said at least one axial bearing, and a retaining ring surrounding said shaft;
said bearing arrangement being secured by a fastening element in said carrier body;
wherein said retaining ring is fastened by a securing element in said carrier body; and
wherein said securing element for securing the bearing arrangement engages an undercut of said carrier body and thrusts against a bearing surface of said retaining ring.

Thus, claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and the intervening claim 2. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 3 is respectfully requested.

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Claims 4-8, 20 and 21 are dependent upon base claim 3. Because the objection to claim 3 has been overcome, it is submitted that the objection to dependent claims 4-8, 20 and 21 has also been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claims 4-8, 20 and 21 is respectfully requested.

Claim 22 has been amended as follows:

22. ~~The suspension of claim 1~~ A suspension for a load hook at a lower block of a cable actuator, comprising:
a shaft of the load hook mounted in a recess of a carrier body and able to turn about a vertical axis, wherein said shaft is mounted in a continuous bore of a support element and thrusts against the carrier body by at least one axial bearing;
said shaft being mounted in the carrier body by a bearing arrangement comprising said support element, said at least one axial bearing, and a retaining ring surrounding said shaft;
said bearing arrangement being secured by a fastening element in said carrier body; and
wherein said securing element for securing the bearing arrangement engages an undercut of said carrier body and thrusts against a bearing surface of said retaining ring.

Thus, claim 22 has been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 22 is respectfully requested.

Claim 23 is dependent upon base claim 22. Because the objection to claim 22 has been overcome, it is submitted that the objection to dependent claim 23 has also been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 23 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claims 1, 2, 9, 19, 24-28 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by LaCount, U.S. Patent No. 4,708,382. Because LaCount does not disclose every element of the rejected claims, the rejection is traversed. However, in order to expedite prosecution, claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. All of the limitations of the claim 1 and claim 2 have been added to claim 3, which has been rewritten in independent form. As stated

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above, based on the recommended amendments to claim 3, withdrawal of the objection to claim 3 has been requested.

Because claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled, claims 9, 19, 24-28 and 30 are now dependent upon base claim 3. Because the objection to base claim 3 has been overcome, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of dependent claims 9, 19, 24-28 and 30 under § 102(b) has also been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection to claims 9, 19, 24-28 and 30 under § 102(b) is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over LaCount in view of Anderson et al., U.S. Patent No. 2,823,944. Because the combination of LaCount and Anderson et al. does not disclose every element of the rejected claim, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

In addition, claim 38 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over LaCount in view of Hoover et al., U.S. Patent No. 2,500,459. Because the combination of LaCount and Hoover et al. does not disclose every element of the rejected claim, this rejection is also respectfully traversed.

Further, claim 39 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over LaCount in view of Fanger et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,851,039. Because the combination of LaCount and Fanger et al. does not disclose every element of the rejected claim, this rejection is also respectfully traversed.

However, in order to expedite prosecution, claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. All of the limitations of the claim 1 and claim 2 have been added to claim 3, which has been rewritten in independent form. As stated above, based on the recommended amendments to claim 3, withdrawal of the objection to claim 3 has been requested.

Because claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled, claims 29, 38 and 39 are now dependent upon base claim 3. Because the objection to base claim 3 has been overcome, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of dependent claims 29, 38 and 39 under § 103(a) has also been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection to claims 29, 38 and 39 under § 103(a) is requested.

The amendments presented herein are fully supported by the application as filed.

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Accordingly, no new matter has been added. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is sincerely requested.

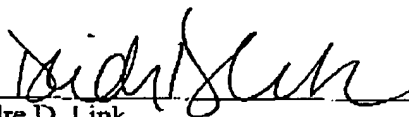
If Examiner Okezie has any questions or reservations, Examiner Okezie is requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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